

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this Application. The Examiner has entered an Election/Restriction requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse this Election/Restriction requirement.

The Examiner has failed to make a prima facie case for requiring a Restriction. The Examiner is required to provide an appropriate explanation of separate classifications, separate status in the art or a different field of search for certain identified inventions. MPEP 803. The Examiner has not provided any such information. Accordingly, the Restriction is improper and should be withdrawn.

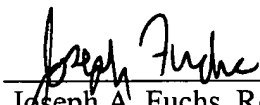
Further, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 803, a restriction requirement is proper only if: (1) the inventions are independent or distinct as claimed, and (2) there would be a serious burden on the Examiner if the restriction is not required. The Examiner has not identified any inventions that are separate and distinct. Also, Applicants contend that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner if the restriction requirement were not required.

If the Examiner makes the restriction requirement final, Applicants provisionally elect to pursue the method comprising the steps of mixing a nonionic surfactant into the solution and mixing an anionic surfactant into the second solvent. Thus, the Applicants provisionally elect claims 1-6, and 8-17, which are directed to this invention.

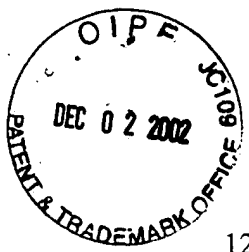
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MARKED UP COPY OF CLAIM AMENDMENT

12. (amended). The method of claim 11 wherein the solvent and surfactant removal step is accomplished by a method selected from the group of centrifugation, diafiltration, force-field fractionation, and high-pressure filtration.